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- The opinion has been expressed in Thai Police circles in Bangkok that the 1. crucial period for possible local Communist disturbances will come with the Chinese Communist offensive in the Canton area.
- The Police state that most of the Chinese in Thailand come from Hainan Island 2, and Swatow. These areas are in the Canton sphere. At present, Chinese Communists dread being deported to areas under Kuomintang control. However, if their homes are in Communist hands, deportation is no longer to be feared. Thus, if and when the Communists control the Canton area, Chinese Communists in Thailand may instigate widespread unrest, since they no longer fear the punishment of deportation. Furthermore, the Chinese feel that the Thai Government cannot or will not do very much to punish them.

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